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United States District Court Judge Rules in Favor of National Park Service in Lawsuit Challenging Grand Canyon National Park's Colorado River Management Plan

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – An order was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona today by United States District Judge David G. Campbell in favor of the National Park Service (NPS) on a lawsuit titled River Runners for Wilderness, et al., vs Stephen P. Martin, et al.

A coalition of four wilderness advocacy groups had brought suit against the NPS in March 2006, under the Administrative Procedures Act, challenging the Park's 2006 Colorado River Management Plan, which among other things, permits the continued use of motorized rafts and support equipment in Grand Canyon National Park.

A hearing was held on October 26, 2007 in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona in which Judge Campbell heard oral arguments on the case.

"We are pleased with the ruling and that Judge Campbell recognized the agency's discretion and authority to make difficult and at times controversial decisions," stated Steve Martin, Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent. "We look forward to working with all user groups, including wilderness advocates, as we continue to implement the Park's Colorado River Management Plan."

A copy of the Court Order can be found on the Park's Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/parknews/index.htm>.

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